

XII. And be it enacted, That in every case in which any  
 2 Seaman in Her Majesty's Navy; Sergeant, Corporal,  
 Drummer, Trumpeter, Fifer or Private Soldier in Her  
 4 Majesty's service, or in the service of the East India  
 Company, shall be entitled to receive or send letters on the  
 6 payment of a certain sum and no more, in place of all  
 British Postage thereon, the payment of such sum, shall  
 8 likewise free such letter from all Provincial Postage there-  
 on, and the Governor in Council may make such regu-  
 12 lations declaratory and otherwise, as may be necessary for  
 giving effect to this Section.

As to letters of  
 Seamen, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That from the time any letter  
 packet, chattel, money or thing shall be deposited in the,  
 18 Post Office for the purpose of being sent by Post, it shall  
 cease to be the property of the sender, and shall be the  
 20 property of the party to whom it is addressed or the legal  
 representatives of such party: Provided always, that the  
 22 Provincial Post Master General, shall not be liable to any  
 party for the loss of any letter or packet sent by Post.

Post letters to  
 be property of  
 party address-  
 ed.

Proviso.

XIV. And be it enacted, that to steal, embezzle, secrete  
 or destroy any Post-letter shall be felony, punishable in the  
 26 discretion of the court by imprisonment in the Provincial  
 Penitentiary, for not less than *three* nor more than *fourteen*  
 28 years; unless such Post Letter shall contain any chattel,  
 money or valuable security, in which case the offence shall  
 30 be punishable by imprisonment in the said Penitentiary  
 for *life*:

Certain offen-  
 ces to be  
 felonies:  
 Stealing or  
 receiving sto-  
 lon letters, &c.

To steal from or out of a Post Letter any chattel,  
 money or valuable security, shall be felony, punishable by  
 34 imprisonment in the said Penitentiary for *life*:

To steal a Post Letter Bag, or a Post Letter from a Post  
 36 Letter Bag, or a Post Letter from any Post Office, or from  
 any office of the Provincial Post-Office, or from a Mail,  
 38 or to stop a Mail with intent to rob or search the same,  
 shall be felony punishable by imprisonment in the said  
 40 Penitentiary for *life*:

To open unlawfully any Post-letter bag, or unlawfully  
 42 to take any letter out of such bag, shall be felony punish-  
 able by imprisonment in the said Penitentiary for *fourteen*  
 44 years:

To receive any Post Letter, or Post Letter Bag, or any  
 46 chattel, money or valuable security, the stealing, taking,